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**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
SEVERE WEATHER UPDATE
January 31, 2009, 6:00 a.m.**

State EOC Activation Level

Level III – Active Emergency Conditions – A situation has occurred requiring limited activation of the emergency operations center.

Current Situation

- Drifting snow is making travel difficult to impossible in areas of north central and northeast Indiana. Numerous vehicles have been abandoned after becoming stuck. Drivers rescued by local law enforcement and fire personnel.
- Department of Natural Resources sawyer crews continue working on debris removal in Perry and Crawford Counties. Department of Corrections work crew and a National Guard Humvee were deployed to Crawford County to assist with debris removal.

Health, Safety and Security

Health: Several counties in IDHS District 10 have reported carbon monoxide related-injuries caused by improper generator use. For tips on generator safety, please visit the IDHS website at www.in.gov/dhs.

Security: Hoosiers are reminded to be aware of price gouging. If you feel you have been a victim of price gouging, please call the Consumer Protection Division at (317) 232-6330 or (800) 382-5516.

County Emergency Declarations

Please visit www.in.gov/dhs for current county emergency situations.

Shelter Operations

Total Reported Shelter Population: 420

Total Capacity Available: 1,455

Clark County

Jeffersonville – First Christian Church – 25

Posey County

Mt Vernon – First Presbyterian Church – 15

Crawford County

Marengo – Hillview Christian Church – 40

Spencer County

Rockport – Trinity United Methodist Church – 35

Floyd County

Georgetown – Southern Baptist Church – 21

Vanderburgh County

Evansville – Washington United Church of Christ – 126

Evansville – Red Cross Chapter – 50

Harrison County

Corydon – Harrison Twp/Corydon Fire Dept. – 2

Palmyra – Palmyra United Methodist Church – 4

Warrick County

Boonville – Boonville High School – 32

New Burg – St John's Catholic School – 26

Boonville – St. Mary's – 32

Perry County

Tell City – St. Paul's Catholic Church – 12

Critical Infrastructure and Facilities

Power Current Total: 69,472

Outages: Peak Total: 227,842

Vectren – 48,188 – Expected Restoration: 02/04/2009

Duke Energy – 11,934 – Expected Restoration: 02/1/2009

Orange County REMC – 100 – Expected Restoration: 01/30/2009

Clark County REMC – 500 – Expected Restoration: 01/30/2009

Southern Indiana REMC – 1,800 – Expected Restoration: 01/31/2009

Dubois REMC – 350 – Expected Restoration: 01/31/2009

Harrison REMC – 6,600 – Expected Restoration: 02/02/2009

Water Supply: Crawford County Water Company. Currently operating from gravity flow from tanks.

Harrison County: Ramsey Water Company - No power to water plant. 500 gallons of water obtained for customers. Generator obtained for second plant and well field.

Wastewater:

Warrick County - Newburgh Wastewater Utilities: 7 pumping stations without power. Main plant operating on generator.

Transportation

Please visit www.in.gov/dhs for current road conditions.

Environmental Hazards

- Dangerously cold temperatures and below zero wind chill factors
- Blowing and drifting snow, debris and ice on roadways
- Falling debris and powerlines
- Freezing fog

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